

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/806,959

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/16/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 9-16 and 18-30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in responsive to amendment filed on 16 March 2007.
2. Claims 8, and 17 have been cancelled.
3. Claims 1 – 7, 9 – 16, and 18 – 30 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Suzan Mizer [reg# 38,245] on 16 April 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

4. Please amend the claims 1 – 3, 6, 9, 19 – 21, and 24 as follows:

In claim 1:

On line 3, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

On line 5, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

On line 7, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

On line 9, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

On line 11, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

On line 13, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

In the claim 2:

On line 3, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

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On line 5, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

In the claim 3:

On line 2, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

In the claim 6:

On line 2, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

In the claim 9:

On line 2, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

In claim 19:

On line 3, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

On line 5, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

On line 7, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

On line 9, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

On line 11, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

On line 13, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

In the claim 20:

On line 3, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

On line 5, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

In the claim 21:

On line 2, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

In the claim 24:

On line 2, after the word "means" delete the word ---adapted---

Reasons For Allowance

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5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's claimed invention distinguishes over the prior art for following reasons.

The independent claims 1, 10, 19, and 25 are allowable over the art of record. None of the references either alone or in combination teach or fairly suggest a system and method for monitoring configuration changes in a document processing device including receiving a configuration change request for an associated document processing device, generating a notification signal, receiving selection data representative of configuration change signal for which administrative notification is desired, testing a received configuration change signal against received selection data, and directing a data representative of the notification signal to at least one supervisor after receipt of a configuration change signal in accordance with an output of the testing as described in claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

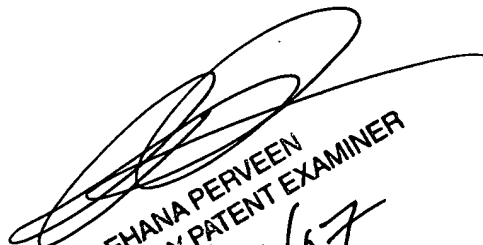
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nitin C. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-3675. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rehana Perveen can be reached on 571-272-3676. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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